

Minutes: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, October 30, 2014. 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 2008, Cardinal Carter Wing, St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair, Fall Conference Chair); Dionne F. (Vice-chair, Chair Spring Retreat); Jim D. (Secretary, Hamilton IR); Daniel W. (Treasurer, Thurs 12:15 PM IR); Susan O. (Literature Rep., Sat. 5:30 IR); Alan B. (FWS Delegate, Brampton IR, *interim* Niagara IR); Charles V. (Website); Justin O. (Prison Outreach, Oakville IR); Alex C. (Tues 7:00 PM *alternate* IR); Richard B. (Thurs 7:30 PM IR); Michael C. (Fri 6 PM IR); Brian C (Holland Landing Thu 7:30 IR); Daniel B. (Tues 7 PM).

Absent with regrets: John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR); Jim B. (Rockwood IR).

1. Meeting begins with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 - Done.
2. Introductions / Attendance.
 - Done.
3. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer.
 - Done.
4. Reading of The Twelve Traditions.
 - Done.
5. Accept / Amend previous meetings Draft Minutes (circulated via email prior to the meeting).
 - Jim reminded the group that as per last month's meeting he would not be reading the minutes – members should read the minutes ahead of time.
 - Accepted, group conscience.
6. Secretary announcements – Jim D.
 - Jim has been updating the Archive of Minutes on a CD.
 - Accepted, group conscience.
7. **Reading of Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer** – Daniel W.
 - See report attached.
 - Daniel had a question about when donations are made to FWS; Jim D. clarified that they should be submitted quarterly (starting in November) provided that there is enough in the fund to bother to send in the funds (considering the cost of a money order, currency exchange, etc).

- Treasurer's Report Accept, group conscience.

b) Literature – Susan O.

- See report distributed at meeting for October (and now attached here).
- Susan first addressed the previous meetings Literature Reports from May to Sept since these had been revised; giving a brief overview of these reports as they had all been circulated previously.
- The older reports were accepted by group conscience (the older reports were distributed twice earlier and are NOT included here; available in the Handouts distributed before the meeting if you want to see them).
- Susan's October Report is in a new format which is easier to follow.
- Suggested by Jim D that Susan add the Prudent Reserve to her new format sheet. The current month is slightly negative against the \$8500 prudent reserve probably because of the increased shipping costs. [Actually after a small change was made, as per discussion below, the account is a small amount *over* Prudent Reserve.]
- A proposal was made by Charles to raise shipping to 18% based on the numbers reported by Susan. Passed, group conscience.
- One small change needs to be made to the October report which she will send to Jim to distribute (change made and attached here).
- FYI note the "Corrected Literature Reports November 2013 through April 2014" circulated earlier. These reports fix the minor changes in the way the information was reported and have now all been updated. These were all circulated to IG members earlier.
- Accepted report, by group conscience.

c) Website – Charles V.

- See report distributed at meeting and attached.
- Some changes in services as mentioned last month.
- One result is we no longer get daily hit reports; Charles will call to see if we can get this level of report and what it costs – if anything.
- Reported accepted, group conscience.

d) FWS Delegate – Alan B.

- See Report attached.

- Alan suggested that we go to the FWS site and subscribe to the free Newsletter – which is published quarterly.
 - Still 3 members required for BOT (see details of these jobs in his report).
 - Some question about distinction between “Awareness” and “Introduction” in the questionnaire in the report. Alan replied that the information presented is all that was available.
 - Thanks from Susan to Alan for exchanging the 1-step chips for 1-day chips.
 - Accepted, group conscience.
- e) **Phone Line and Public Information** – John F. Absent with Regrets.
- See Report attached (read by Jody)
 - Accepted, group conscience.
- f) **Correspondence received and sent (checking mailbox)** – Susan O.
- Mail box not yet checked.
- g) **Fall Conference 2014** – Jody N.
- See report distributed at meeting and attached.
 - Jody brought her report and the Conference schedule.
 - Daniel W. questioned how the finances work for the Conference. Jody replied that Randy handles the finances separately for the conference and then gives surplus (deficit) to IG.
 - Reported group conscience.
8. **Old Business:**
- Susan would like to increase cost of shipping to cover expenses. What have the recent shipping costs been?
 - Dealt with above.
 - Obtaining a Visa card for handling costs of Literature Rep. (update).
 - Been to the bank and it is not practical.
9. **New Business:**
- Susan has suggested that we give out some SLAA literature: including selected pamphlets or information sheets at health clinics.
 - Susan suggested distributing “For the Professional”, “The Characteristics”, and “Addicted to Sex? Addicted to Love?” and possibly the “40 Questions”.
 - Charles suggested distribution at the Toronto “Everything about Sex” Conference.

- Alex wondered which kinds of clinics should be included.
- Distribute one of our pamphlets at Women's Health Clinics.
- All in agreement that we should do this.
- Intergroup to elect the following position this November: Webmaster (2 year term).
 - One person need to Web Position.
- Discuss "Election Calendar" – to review all positions and start dates; see document in separate Handouts.
 - Some discussion on above.
- Jim clarified that he is willing to serve again as secretary but for 1 year only. Also he will not be here at the November to stand for the election (technically he should be here to stand for election).
- Alan suggested that to elect Jim at this time (October meeting) would not allow others to stand for these positions. He further clarified that this should be advertised so people can apply for these positions.
- Susan suggested we deal with the time served when it becomes necessary.
- Decided that Announcement will be made this month that all of the available positions are open to be filled.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday November 27, 2014 7:00 PM

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Handouts for 30 October 2014 Intergroup Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Sheet Sep 26-Oct 27 2014		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		Previous Balance
Cash	\$4,694.37	
Other		
Total	\$4,694.37	
Income		
Brampton SLAA sep 30	\$100.00	
Friday "Augustine Fellowship" oct 7th	\$150.00	
Monday night group oct 14	\$300.00	
Total	\$550.00	\$1,122.81
Total Assets	\$5,244.37	\$4,963.04
Expenses		
Current Liabilities		
fido sep 25th	\$30.51	
bank fee sep 30th	\$4.95	
renewal of wesite sep 29th	\$93.40	
Other		
Total	\$128.86	\$268.67
Assets minus Current Liabilities	\$5,115.51	
FWS Fund	\$578.47	\$468.47
Reserves		
Fall Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00
Spring Retreat	\$500.00	\$500.00
FWS deligate fund (build to \$1800)	\$634.56	\$524.56
AA Ont Rec Conf	\$350.00	\$350.00
Total	\$2,563.03	\$2,343.03
Assest minus Reserves	\$2,552.48	\$2,351.34
Total Liabilities and Networth	\$5,115.51	\$4,694.37

Literature Report

September 21-October 30, 2014

Account Receivable			Account Receivable	\$4,200.79	Prudent Reserve	\$8,500.00
			Account Payable	\$1,341.96	Lit/Sale/Bank	\$8,513.80
Bank Amount (09/21)	\$3,323.76					
Payment	\$877.03		Total:	\$2,858.83	net/loss:	\$13.80
	Total:	\$4,200.79				
			Bank Amount (10/30)			
Accounts Payable			Total:	\$2,860.80		
Literature	\$1,261.97		Inventory/Bank Amount/Literature Sales Total			
Shipping	\$75.04					
Bank Fees	\$4.95		Inventory	\$5,521.50		
			Bank Amount (10/30)	\$2,860.80		
	Total:	\$1,341.96	Literature Sales (09/21-10/30)	\$131.50		
			Total:	\$8,513.80		

****Note: The bank amount is off by \$1.97 because of the difficulties of transferring funds to my credit card after paying for the literature order.

Webmaster Report Oct 30, 2014

Charles

Here's a list of the things I did this month:

- Forwarded approximately 2 emails for response to John
- Made one Group's change to meeting list
- Liaised with Treasurer regarding Web Service Bill
- Checked how website looks after server change- it's a bit unusual and login security is strange
- Started using our server's new login system and all is straight forward except the monthly traffic report now a PAY service and is LESS comprehensive, is so I have as follows:

4 Services total Number of entries per page:

Total amount for the subscription	Used	Limit	Available	Used (in %)	
slaa-ontario.org	68.57 MB	200 GB/month	199.9 GB/month	0%	
	<u>Service</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>% of All</u>
	FTP	0.00 MB	0.00 MB	0.00 MB	0%
	HTTP	67.51 MB	2.51 MB	65.00 MB	98.5%
	POP3/IMAP	0.00 MB	0.00 MB	0.00 MB	0%
	SMTP	1.05 MB	0.98 MB	0.07 MB	1.5%

FWS Delegate Report:

Delegate Report – October 2014-10-28

1. Board Membership (With year term is ending and position(s) held during this conference year)

Susan G. 2014 (President, BFOC Finance/Operations Member)
Steve B. 2015 (Treasurer, BFOC Finance Chair)
Rick B. 2014 (BGNC chair, BPRC Chair)
Bob G. 2016 (BFOC Operations Chair)
Chris D. 2014 Appointed

The Board meets monthly for a 3-hour Regular Meeting every two months, and a 2-hour Interim Meeting on the off months. This schedule was adhered to for the entire conference year with short notice, 1-hour calls added from time to time as needed. Each Board member also serves on Board Committees, subcommittees, and taskforces in addition to agreeing to be a liaison to (as many as 5) Conference committees.

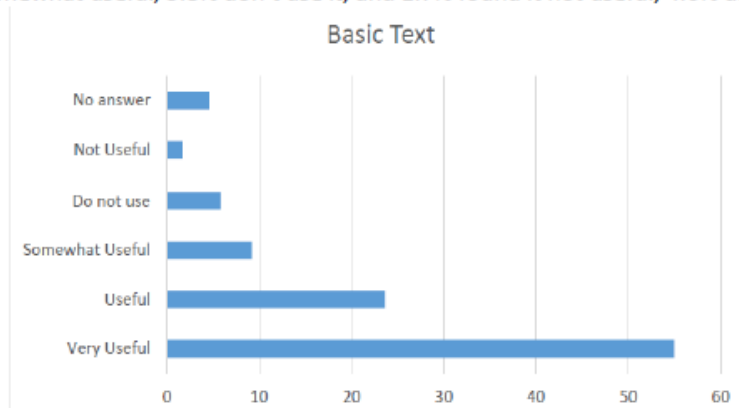
The Officers who were elected to serve you during the 2014-2015 Conference year are as follows:

Steve B. – Board Chair, President
Bob G. – Finance Chair, Treasurer
Susan G. – Secretary

2. Member Survey Review – Complete survey results available at:
<http://www.slaafws.org/fwsnews/previous>

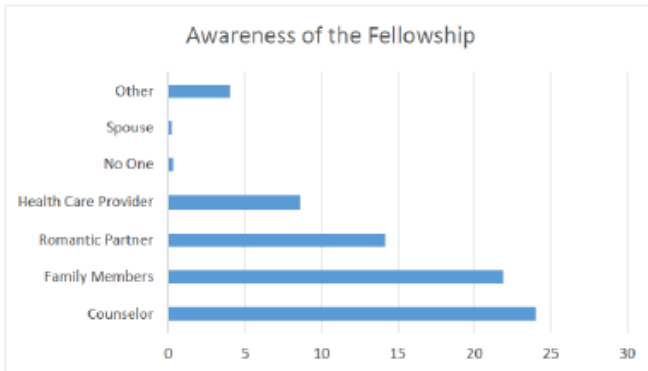
THE BASIC TEXT

Over half (55%) of the respondents found the Basic Text very useful, 23.6% found it useful, 9.2% found it somewhat useful, 5.8% don't use it, and 1.7% found it not useful; 4.6% did not answer the question.



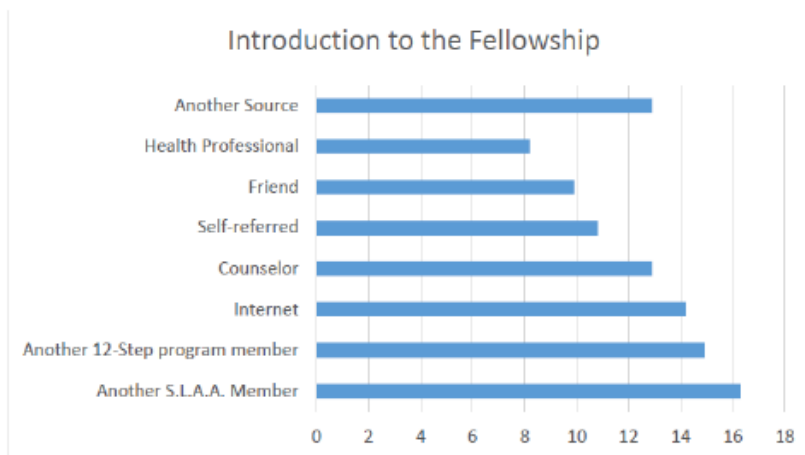
AWARENESS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Almost ¼ of the respondents (24%) were made aware of the fellowship from a counselor, 21.9% from a family member, 14.2% from a Romantic partner, 8.6% from a Health care provider, 0.3% from no one, 0.2 % from a spouse, and 4% from other sources.



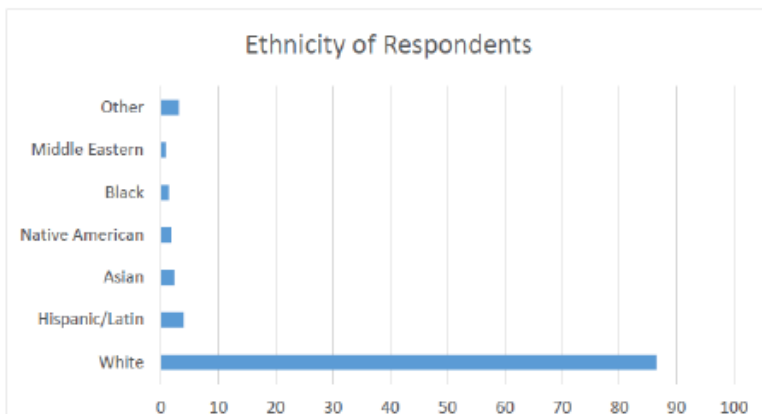
INTRODUCTION TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Respondents were asked how they were introduced to the fellowship. Of the respondents, 16.3% were introduced to S.L.A.A. by another S.L.A.A. member, 14.9% by another 12-Step program member, 14.2% by the internet, 12.9% by a counselor, 10.8% were Self-referred, 9.9% reported by a friend, 8.2% by a health professional, and 12.9% by another source.



ETHNICITY

Of the respondents, 86.5% identified as White, 4% as Hispanic/Latin, 2.4% as Asian, 1.7% as Native American, 1.4% as Black, 0.9% as Middle Eastern, and the rest as "Other."



SLAA TELEPHONE REPORT

FOR

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Total telephone calls to our SLAA hot line were only **8** this month.

Again each of these were looked after in a very timely manner by our
Volunteers.

SLAA PUBLIC INFORMATION

FOR

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No enquiries were made in regards to information about the SLAA program
from either a public or professional perspective.

Report submitted by;

John F, Pioneer Group, Pickering

TELEPHONE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIRPERSON

2014 SLAA Fall Conference Committee Meeting Report – October 30, 2014

Email: slaaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Conference Date: November 1, 2014. 1 day event

We have a written agreement with St Andrews – for 120 people. Sanctuary (2nd floor), Grovesenor (2nd floor), Old St Andrew's (3rd Floor), and St Enoch's rooms (3rd floor). Cost is \$620.00. We have given no deposit at this time. They are not asking for one.

The committee members:

Randy W.
Jeff R.
Daniel W.
Irene B.

Schedule is complete. We have 16 chairs and one main event speaker.

We have a good number of volunteers to help throughout the day.

The literature rep will have some literature for sale.

We met with Dan (from the church) this week – he showed us the facility.

We will serve coffee, tea, fruits and light snacks in the morning.

Conference Chair – to make some mention of Inter Group during welcoming remarks – to inform attendees that Inter Group is open to all & that the service positions rotate every 2 years – so there are always new opportunities arising.

Report prepared by Jody N. - committee chairperson

End of Report

End of Handouts for 30 October 2014 Intergroup Meeting.